

II. BUT leaft any Perfon having any fuch Bill, fhould, for the Sake of the Intereft, delay negotiating the fame, or if, after it fhall be protefted, fhall not demand Payment thereof of the Drawer or Indorfer; *It is further Enacted and Declared*, That no Perfon whatfoever fhall pay more than Eighteen Months Intereft, from the Date of any fuch Bill, till it fhall be prefented protefted to the Drawer or Indorfer thereof.

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Intereft allowed but 18 Months, till Payment demanded.

III. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforefaid*, That where any Bill, drawn before the making of this Act, or which fhall hereafter be drawn, is or fhall be protefted as aforefaid, there fhall be paid unto fuch Perfon or Perfons as fhall have Right to demand the fame, for his, her, or their Damage in that Behalf fuf- tained, after the Rate of Fifteen *per Cent.* for the Sum expreffed in the faid Bill, together with the Cofts and Charges of the Proteft, and no more.

15 per Cent. allowed for Damage, with Cofts of Proteft.

IV. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforefaid*, That it fhall and may be lawful for any Perfon or Perfons, having a Right to demand any Sum of Money due upon a protefted Bill of Exchange, to commence and profecute an Action for Principal, Intereft, and Charges of Proteft, againft the Drawer and Indorfers jointly, or againft either of them feparately; and Judgment fhall and may be given for fuch Principal Draught and Charges, and Intereft, after the Rate of Ten *per Cent. per Annum*, as aforefaid, to the Time of fuch Judgment.

Action may be brought againft Drawer and Indorfers jointly, or feparately.

V. *AND be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforefaid*, That all and every other Act and Acts, and every Clause and Article thereof heretofore made, fo far as relate to any Matter or Thing whatfoever within the Purview of this Act, is, and are hereby repealed and made void, to all Intents and Purpofes, as if the fame had never been made.

Repealing Clause.

C H A P. XVII.

An Act, for regulating Weights and Measures.

I. **W**HEREAS many notorious Frauds and Deceits are daily committed, by falfe Weights and Measures: For Prevention whereof, Preamble.

II. WE pray that it may be Enacted, *And be it Enacted, by his Excellency Gabriel Johnfton, Esq; Governor, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Council, and General Affembly of this Province, and it is hereby Enacted, by the Authority of the fame*, That no Inhabitant or Trader, fhall buy or fell, or otherwife make Ufe of in trading, any other Weights or Measures than are made and ufed according to the Standard in his Majesty's Exchequer, and the Statutes of *England* in that Cafe provided.

Weights and Measures to be according to the Standard in the Exchequer.

III. *AND for the Discovery of Abufes, Be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforefaid*, That the Juftices of each and every County within this Government fhall, within Two Years next after the Ratification of this Act, at the Charge of each County refpectively, provide fealed Weights, of Half Hundreds, Quarters of Hundreds, Half Quarters of Hundreds, Seven Pounds, Four Pounds, Two Pounds, One Pound, and Half Pound; and Measures of Ell and Yard, of Brafs or Copper; and Measures of Half Bufhel, Peck and Gallon, of dry Meafure; and a Gallon, Pottle, Quart and Pint, of Wine Meafure; (for the Payment of which Charge, the faid Juftices are hereby impowered to levy a Tax on their refpective Counties) to be kept by fuch Perfon, and in fuch Place, as the Juftices of each refpective County fhall appoint, fuch Perfon firft giving fufficient Security to the faid Juftices, in the Sum of Fifty Pounds, Proclamation Money: And the faid Juftices fhall alfo find and provide for the faid Perfon, a Stamp for Brafs, Tin, Iron, Lead, or Pewter Weights or Measures, and alfo a Brand for Wooden Measures, of the Let-

Juftices to provide Standard Weights and Measures, and a Keepa thereof.

To be provided with a Stamp and Brand.

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